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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JAN 23, ACTING FONMIN MUSA REFERRED TO RECENT VISIT BY PLO DELEGATION COMPOSED OF FARUQ AL QADDUMI, MOHAMED ZAHEDI AL NASHASHIBI AND YASIR ABUT SAID JAMAL SURANI. MUSA VOLUNTEERED THAT DELEGATION HAD RAISED QUESTION GSO TERRORISTS WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI (SEPTTEL). HE ALSO SAID NIMEIRI HAD COUNSELLED DELEGATION TO RECOGNIZE THAT WAR NO LONGER MEANINGFUL MEANS ACCOMPLISHING DESIRED GOALS. IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THEN PENDING EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, NIMEIRI REPORTEDLY HAD TOLD GROUP THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD NOT DEFER ACCEPTANCE AND SUPPORT PARTIAL AGREEMENTS PENDING REALIZATION DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT.

2. CITING MAJOR CONTRIBUTION ARAB/AFRICAN RELATIONS MADE BY GOS IN TERMINATING SEVENTEEN YEAR SUDANESE CIVIL WAR, MUSA CLAIMED SUDAN NOW IN POSITION INFLUENCE AFRICANS IN PRO-ARAB DIRECTION. HE SAID NIMEIRI HAD ENCOURAGED PLO DELEGATION VISIT
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ETHIOPIA SINCE HE BELIEVED FORMER ADVERSARIES SHOULD DEVELOP

SOME BASIS UNDERSTANDING. MUSA NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT HIM CURRENTLY RIYADH FOR VISIT WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN "UNHEARD OF" UNTIL RECENTLY.

3. COMMENT. DELEGATION'S VISIT AFRICAN COUNTRIES APPARENTLY DESIGNED AS FENCE MENDING EXERCISE BY PLO "DIPLOMATS" IN WAKE AFRICANS BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND ARAB OIL PRODUCER RESTRICTIONS. NIMEIRI APPARENT ADVICE TO GROUP TO ACT MORE LIKE RESPONSIBLE ENTITY MAY ACCORDINGLY HAVE BEEN TIMELY. GOS ROLE IN DECILITATING VISIT THROUGH ITS EMBASSIES ADDIS AND DAR (REFTELS) CAN NO DOUBT BE ATTRIBUTED BOTH TO SUDANESE DESIRE SHOW ITSELF AS "BRIDGE" BETWEEN ARAB AND AFRICAN "BROTHERS" AND PROPITIATE PLO ON ROUTINE MATTER IN ORDER OFFSET FIRM STAND RE BSO CASE.
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